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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/626,978	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HIMMEL ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Thjuan P Knowlin	<b>Art Unit</b> 2642	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.**

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed on November 26, 2004 has been entered. No claims have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-36 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 11, 21, and 29 being independent.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamb et al (US 6,747,970).
4. In regards to claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 21, 22, 29, and 30, Lamb discloses a system, method, and computer program product for administering a conference call, comprising: a invitation object (instant message), comprising: number information corresponding to a call-in number for a conference call; code information corresponding to a pass code necessary for entry into the conference call; and time information corresponding to a data and time of the conference call; and logic for establishing a connection to the conference call based upon the number information, the code information, and the time information (col. 38 Table 1 (331) authorization information and (334) call invitations, col. 53 lines 37-55, col. 54 lines 8-14, and col. 60 lines 4-17).

5. In regards to claims 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 31, 32, and 33, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system, method, and computer program product, wherein the number information and the code information are encrypted (col. 38 Table 1 (331) authorization information).
6. In regards to claims 6 and 16, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system and method, wherein the invitation object is electronically transmitted to a prospective participant (col. 53 lines 37-55, col. 54 lines 8-14, and col. 60 lines 4-17).
7. In regards to claims 7 and 17, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system and method, the invitation object further comprising a list of authorized participants of the conference call (col. 16 lines 25-42).
8. In regards to claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 27, 28, 35, and 36, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system, further comprising a calendar object to which the invitation object is attached for transmission to a prospective participant of the conference call (col. 60 lines 4-17).
9. In regards to claim 10, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system, the invitation object further comprising: contact information corresponding to a call coordinator (manager) for the conference call; and status information corresponding to current status of the conference call (col. 55 lines 19-34).
10. In regards to claims 18, 26, and 34, Lamb discloses the method and computer program product, further comprising the step of contacting the call coordinator for resolution of a failure to establish a connection to the conference call (col. 57-58 lines 37-5).

### ***Response to Arguments***

11. Applicant's arguments filed 11/26/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants argue that Lamb et al do not teach or suggest a structure comparable to a vlnvitation object, i.e. an object that can be transmitted between users and includes "logic for establishing a connection to [a] conference call". Examiner respectfully disagrees with this argument. Lamb et al do teach and suggest a structure comparable to a vlnvitation object (instant message), i.e. an object that can be transmitted between users and includes "logic for establishing a connection to [a] conference call" (col. 53 lines 37-55, col. 54 lines 8-15, and col. 60 lines 4-17). Applicants further argue that Lamb et al do not teach or suggest a mechanism for invalidating the vlnvitation object. Lamb et al, however, do teach and suggest a mechanism for invalidating the vlnvitation object (col. 59 lines 3-38). Applicant states that Lamb et al do not teach or suggest encrypting a telephone number. Lamb et al do teach and suggest encrypting a telephone number (col. 38 Table 1 (331) authorization information).

### ***Conclusion***

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
13. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

15. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

16. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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